

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: WORLDWIDE FIBER NETWORKS, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-99-23 WRU-99-28-3333
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ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

(Issued October 8, 1999)

On July 12, 1999, Worldwide Fiber Networks, Inc. (Worldwide), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 (1999). Worldwide intends to provide local exchange service in the exchanges currently served by US West Communications, Inc. (U S West), and GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). Worldwide stated it concurs with the local exchange boundary maps of U S West and GTE. Worldwide also stated it intends to make available a 2-PIC methodology for dialing parity. No objections were filed.

IOWA CODE § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest." The Board has carefully reviewed Worldwide's application and finds Worldwide has demonstrated that it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to

provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Worldwide.

Worldwide requested the Board waive the requirements of three of its rules. First, Worldwide sought a waiver of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-16.5(2), which requires utilities to keep revenue accounts in accordance with the Board's prescribed system of accounts. Worldwide stated it will maintain its books in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Worldwide also requested the Board waive IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-18.2, which governs the location of records. Worldwide stated its records will be maintained at its corporate office and will be promptly made available to the Board upon request. Finally, Worldwide requested a waiver of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-22.3(2), which requires it to publish a directory.

The Board finds it is reasonable to grant Worldwide's requests for waiver. None of these requirements are appropriate to the service Worldwide will provide at this time. The Board will be able to adequately review Worldwide's records if it becomes necessary. Until or unless Worldwide serves a very large number of customers, it is unnecessary for it to publish a separate directory in Iowa.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Worldwide Fiber Networks, Inc., on July 12, 1999, will be granted subject to the requirements that follow.

2. At the time Worldwide Fiber Networks, Inc., files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by Worldwide, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Worldwide to provide local exchange service in Iowa.

3. The request for waiver of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(1) is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 8th day of October, 1999.